



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee

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Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – Call to Order and Welcome

Attendance Summary:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Chair

Commissioner Larry Rein

Dr. Peggy Aune

Maria Bledsoe

Patricia Medlock

1. Map of Children's of Youth Behavioral Health Services Presentation

(Silvia Quintana)

Need to look at the regulation on nondependent children. (Chair Hunschofsky)

The following individuals will review Florida Statute 394, Children's Mental Health Act, and provide recommendations: Patricia Medlock (Lead), Commissioner Larry Rein, Maria Bledsoe.

Aaron Platt will send out the Florida Statute to the group for review and recommendations.

Need to review AHCA Therapeutic Group Care licensing rule requirements for the providers and make recommendations on how they can be adjusted to the services being provided. (Silvia Quintana and Larry Rein). The following individuals will look at the licensing rule: Patricia Medlock (Lead), Commissioner Larry Rein

Subcommittee should review the Funding Systems Issues.

Silvia Quintana recommended that there be some kind of legislative mandate that a steady analysis of the cost-of-living increases throughout Florida are done so that the rates can be increased.

Chair Reeve asked for a conversation with AHCA prior to the inclusion of any language about Medicaid Rate increases in the interim report.

Need to include funding for Medicaid, non-Medicaid, dependent and nondependent children. (Chair Hunschofsky)

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky will ask Shila Salem to bring back information on the DCF funding system. What kind of care do we have in



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terms of in-home care, who gets funded, and what the funding sources are. What would make that level of care more easily accessible to every kid regardless of payor source? What fixes would need to be put in place to make it happen statutorily?

Aaron Platt will send out an email with the above information and who will be responsible for items.

Due Date: Early August before the in-person meeting in August.

2. **Trauma Responsive System of Care Presentation** (Silvia Quintana)
Statewide trauma initiative.
 - As a homework assignment, the group needs to look at the workforce needs and how we are going to get more workforce in children's behavioral health space? Consider pay, loan forgiveness, etc., and experience.
 - Silvia Quintana will email Aaron Platt a work group paper on Stabilizing the Workforce to send out to the group.
 - Natalie Kelly volunteered to help. She is already working with a university on a Pathway to Children Crisis Support. Will incorporate college and university systems.
3. **Florida DOE Resiliency and Mental Health Update** (Peggy Aune and Andrew Wetherell)
4. **Florida School Safety Summit and Expo Update** (Peggy Aune and Andrew Wetherell)
5. **Public Comment** – No comments received.
6. **Closing Remarks**
 - Make sure everyone receives a copy of the presentations and minutes and post the minutes online.
 - Patricia Medlock and Larry Rein are going to work on Therapeutic Group Care addressed in Florida Statute 394.
 - Patricia Medlock and Larry Rein are going to work on the licensing rule.
 - Shila Salem will provide information on funding for Medicaid, non-Medicaid, dependent and non-dependent children.
 - Silvia Quintana is going to send the Stabilizing the Workforce paper to Aaron Platt to send out to the group. Will examine what we could be doing regarding the workforce shortages in relation to children and youth, behavioral health, and substance use disorder.
 - Minutes were accepted from last meeting.



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Approved by: Commissioner Rein Seconded by: Maria Bledsoe

7. Next Meeting: July 12, 2023